

# Township Engineer

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## Newsletter of the Township Engineers Association

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### **Big News! The Township Engineer Is Going Monthly!**

We are committed to giving you timely information so we have updated The Township Engineer and will now be emailing it monthly.

Look for quick bites about trending topics, pertinent news, upcoming training opportunities, and other interesting items.

We would love to hear what you think about the new format, plus any suggestions you may have. Drop us an email at [engineers@psats.org](mailto:engineers@psats.org) or call Editor Brenda Wilt at (717) 763-0930, ext. 123.

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## Latest News

### **Spring Township Engineers Seminar Goes Virtual — Dates Remain the Same**

Although PSATS has canceled its 2021 Educational Conference and Exhibit Show, we are moving forward with many of the workshops, seminars, and forums.

All are going virtual, including the **Spring Township Engineers Seminar**, which will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 19 and 20.

Scheduled topics include:

- 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Solutions to Failing Septic System Infrastructure
- Legal Update for Engineers
- Municipal Work Zone/School Zone Planning Considerations
- A New Approach to Parks and Recreation System Planning
- Pavement Preservation on Tight Budgets
- PennDOT's Transportation Revenue Options Commission
- Using Technology for Municipal Projects

This seminar is eligible for a total of six professional development hours (3/day).

Those who registered for the in-person seminar are automatically registered for the virtual seminar. We are also accepting new registrations. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

### **Grant Applications Being Accepted for Complete Streets, Active Transportation Plans**

WalkWorks is accepting grant applications from municipalities to help with the development of Active Transportation Plans, Complete Streets policies, and/or Vision Zero policies. These plans and policies establish activity-friendly routes that connect people to everyday destinations and opportunities for physical activity. Active transportation includes walking, wheeling or bicycling, and public transit. **Applications are due May 14.**

A non-mandatory webinar on the grant program will be held April 9. For more information, including program details and applications, click [HERE](#). Look for “Funding Opportunity Announcement” on the right side of the page.

### **State Government to Generate 50% of Electricity Usage from Solar**

Gov. Tom Wolf announced an initiative to produce nearly 50% of the state government’s electricity through new solar energy arrays in six counties totaling 191-megawatts, which will go into operation January 1, 2023. The administration says this is the largest solar commitment by any government in the U.S. to date. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

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## **Training Opportunities**

### **[New PENNVEST Financing Opportunities for Your Water Quality Projects \(Virtual\) — 4/28/21](#)**

The Pa. Infrastructure Investment Authority continues to evolve and improve its funding to support water quality projects and practices. Attend this session to learn about its traditional programs and innovative new methods for funding projects.



### **[Technical Assistance Programs Available from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers \(Virtual\) — 5/4/21](#)**

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### **[MS4 Pollutant Control Measures \(Virtual\) — 5/5/21](#)**

This session is for MS4 communities that are preparing to address the pollutant control measure phase of their permit. The presenters will identify steps you should take now and in



the future.

### **Principles of Paving — 4/28/21**

This webinar will provide an overview of principles of paving, paving techniques, PennDOT specifications, and lessons learned from local officials.



### **PENNVEST Offers Lunch and Learn Sessions**

The Pa. Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) is offering a series of lunch and learn webinars for municipal officials, authority board members, engineers, and others interested in learning how PENNVEST financing can help improve water quality in your community. All classes are scheduled for noon. Click [HERE](#) to register for any of these free sessions.

- April 6: PENNVEST Eligibility — Learn what types of projects and applicants are eligible for PENNVEST financing.
- April 13: PENNVEST Small Projects Initiative — Review the simplified requirements to apply for projects requesting \$500,000 or less.
- April 15: PENNVEST Programmatic Financing — Have a capital improvement plan? See how Programmatic Financing through PENNVEST can help implement multiple years and phases of your plan.
- April 22: PENNVEST Lead Line Removal Initiative — Learn about grant funding for lead line removal from drinking water systems.



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